encroachment from the powerloom and mill sector, the Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) act, 1985 is being implemented. In addition to this, to promote handloom sector in domestic as well as international markets, the following schemes and programmes are also being implemented:—

(i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.

(ii) Handloom Export Scheme.

(iii) Marketing Promotion Programme.

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme.

(v) Integrated Handloom Training Programme.

(vi) Design Development & Training Programme.

Besides, some new Schemes/programmes, *viz.*, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Handloom Mark. Opening up of 273 new Yarn Depots and Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for the Handloom Sector have also been introduced.

Extension of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

859. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI SUDHARSHAN AKARAPU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) of the Textiles Sector which was promulgated in April, 1999 and is due to expire in March next year;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) the major achievements of the scheme during its operation for the last seven years, including the investments garnered and level of Upgradation achieved in the textile sector; and

(d) the future plan drawn up, if any, for extension of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government continuously reviews

the functioning of TUFS through Technical Advisory-Cum-Monitoring Commitee (TAMC) and Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC). The Government has carried out the work of evaluation of TUFS through a private agency namely *i.e.* M/s. KSA Technopak (India) Private Limited and they have submitted their report. The said report reveals that there is:

* Increase in Productivity,
* Reduction in Cost,
* Reduction in Wastage,
* Improvement in Unit Value realization (UVR) in domestic and export market,
* Increase in Domestic/Export Turnover
* Increase in Net Profit Points

(c) (i) As on 30.09.2006, 5649 applications have been sanctioned with a project cost of Rs. 47217 crore and amount sanctioned is Rs. 20273 crore and Rs. 12673 crore have been disbursed in respect of 4892 applications.

(ii) Under TUFS only state-of-the-art/near state-of-the-art technology has been installed, thus, improving the over all technology level of the different segments of the industry.

(iii) TUFS has resulted in improvement in productivity and quality as well as reduction in cost and wastage consequently improvement in profitability of the industry.

(iv) The TUFS has facilitated overall growth of the industry placing it on the trajectory of accelerated growth with 9 percent rate of growth in fabric and 24 percent in dollar terms in export during 2005-2006.

(d) No decision has been taken as regard extension or otherwise in respect of Technology Upgradaiton Fund Scheme (TUFS).

Conversion of handlooms into powerlooms

860. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the development of powerlooms and the handlooms during the last three years, year-wise;